Applications Invited for 2006 Kobe-Awaji Session of UNU Global Seminars

Event: UNU Global Seminar – 12th Kobe-Awaji Session
Theme: “Global Order Adrift and Challenges in Peacebuilding”
Date/Time: 5–8 September 2006 (Tuesday–Friday)
Venue: JICA Hyogo (Kobe), Maiko Villa Kobe, and Awaji Yumebutai Int’l Conference Center
Organizers: United Nations University (UNU), Hyogo International Association, and Kobe International Center for Cooperation and Communication

Comprehensive efforts for peacebuilding are essential, both to cut the negative cycle of conflict and to address the root causes of terrorism. UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has called for broad, deep, and sustained global cooperation that addresses the “larger freedom” of humankind: efforts to achieve not only the basic political freedoms to which all human beings are entitled, but also “freedom from want” and “freedom from fear”.

Event Information:
• UNU Global Seminars, a series of annual sessions held at locations in Japan and abroad, are designed to enhance awareness among young adults about issues of global concern.
• Participants in the 2006 UNU Global Seminar – Kobe-Awaji Session will explore fundamental issues related to peacebuilding.
• The Kobe-Awaji Session will open on Tuesday afternoon (5 September) with keynote lectures by Dr. Lloyd Axworthy (President and Vice Chancellor, University of Winnipeg, Canada) and Mr. Shinichi Kitaoka (Ambassador and DPR of Japan to the United Nations).
• Media representatives are cordially invited to attend these keynote lectures, to be held at JICA Hyogo. Simultaneous Japanese-English interpretation will be provided. Contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu), to confirm your attendance.

Information for Applicants:
• Applications are now being accepted for the 2006 UNU Global Seminar – Kobe-Awaji Session.
• Undergraduate and graduate students and recent graduates who understand both English and Japanese are invited to apply; the deadline for applications is 7 July.
• Approximately 50 applicants will be selected to participate. A fee of ¥30,000 covers meals, accommodation, and seminar documentation. Foreign students who do not receive a full scholarship for their study in Japan may apply for a partial reduction of the participation fee.
• On 6 and 7 Sept., participants will attend six lectures on the topics of “Consolidating Peace and Governance” and “Towards Reconciliation and Coexistence” and group discussions. The Seminar will conclude on 8 Sept. with group presentations, a closing ceremony, and a farewell lunch.
• For more information and an application form, go to http://www.unu.edu/globalseminar or contact the UNU Global Seminar Secretariat at the Kobe International Center for Cooperation and Communication (tel.: 078-291-8415; fax: 078-291-0691; e-mail: kicc02@kicc.jp).